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SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR, TOWN TREASURER TOWN CLERK, SCHOOL BOARD LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AND AUDITORS.

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For the Year Ending February 15, 1915.

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TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

[L. S.]

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 4, Chapter 35 of the laws of 1905, and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase books for the Public Library.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay salary of Librarian, and to defray the running expenses of the Public Library.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of Soldiers' graves.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of painting the old Town Hall, putting on eave trough's and repairing the foundation.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of building bridges, where necessary, that will sustain the ten ton weight, allowed after April 1st, 1915; See Chap. 19, Public Acts and Joint Resolutions, January Session, 1913.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of blasting the Ledge and widening the road on the Auburn Road, near the "Willow Hill Farm," so called.

11. To see what the Town will do in regard to building more State Road and repairing of State Road already built.

12. To see what the Town will do in regard to providing a new Public Cemetery, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

13. To see what the Town will do towards the suppression of the Gipsy and Brown-tail Moths and the Elm Tree Beetle, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

14. To see if the town will vote to accept the legacy of Mrs. Mary J. Wilcomb, amounting to some over Eight Thousand Dollars to establish a Home in Chester, for destitute Old Ladies, to be Known as "The Wilcomb Home," and choose a Board of Trustees to have charge of the same.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Old Home Day.

16. To choose Agents or Committees in relation to any article embraced in this warrant.

Given under our hands and seal this Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifteen.

ELMER A. SANBORN,
CHARLES W. WITHAM,
JOSEPH F. EDWARDS,
Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ELMER A. SANBORN,
CHARLES W. WITHAM,
JOSEPH F. EDWARDS,
Selectmen of Chester.

CONCORD, N. H., February 8, 1915.

TO THE SELECTMEN:

We suggest that you cause the following extract from the report of the Tax Commission for 1914 to be printed in your town report this spring. It may tend to economy in town appropriations.

Very truly,
STATE TAX COMMISSION,
By W. B. FELLOWS, Secretary.

REPORT OF TAX COMMISSION 1914.

INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states, and it being [illegible] the duty of legislators and magistrates * * * to countenance and inculcate the principles of * * * economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception of the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent. and all

other income about 5 per cent. of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was $5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was $8,765,039.07, an increase of $3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was $924,388.79, or 17 per cent. greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was $2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent. greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about 4 1-2 per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent, the other increased only about 2 1-4 per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:

1904	$ 34,459.91
1905	286,590.14
1906	115,468.39
1907	411,257.46
1908	76,612.89
1909	539,995.97
1910	787,565.31
1911	215,848.50
1912	296,216.85
1913	627,603.43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was $336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was $184,877.76; for the last five years it was $493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the *per capita* standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed $12.88 in taxes for each man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed $14.75 for each individual, and in five years more $20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of $100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like $100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

Town Clerk—Cyrus F. Marston.

Selectmen—Elmer A. Sanborn, Charles W. Witham, Joseph F. Edwards.

Overseer of the Poor—Joseph F. Edwards.

Town Treasurer—John M. Webster.

Collector of Taxes—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

School Board—Martha T. Learnard, James S. Roberts, M. D., William B. Underhill.

School District Treasurer—Elizabeth S. Hook.

Representative—Martin Mills.

Library Trustees—Martin Mills, Leroy D. Morse, John C. Ramsdell.

Constables—James W. Towle, Stephen A. Steele.

Special Police—James W. Gordon, William N. Colby.

Supervisors of Checklist—Walter I. Martin, George S. West, William T. Owen.

Auditors—Cyrus F. Marston, John D. Fiske, Addison A. Bean.

Health Officers—Cyrus F. Marston, James S. Roberts, M. D.. William T. Owen.

Cemetery Trustees—Addison A. Bean, Cyrus F. Marston, Robert H. Hazelton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1915.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate	$409,995 00	
Non-resident real estate	73,060 00	
Number of horses, 228	20,295 00	
Number of oxen, 11	820 00	
Number of cows, 258	9,950 00	
Number of other neat stock, 31	1,041 00	
Number of sheep, 17	79 00	
Number of mules and asses, 4	225 00	
Number of hogs, 4	52 00	
Number of fowls, 1251	1,215 00	
Number of autos, 21	8,710 00	
Vehicles	275 00	
Bank stock,	5,000 00	
Money at interest	3,351 00	
Stock in trade	5,400 00	
Mills, machinery, etc.,	5,120 00	
Wood and lumber	13,945 00	
Total valuation		$558,533 00
Exempt to soldiers		$17,515 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax	$1488 00
County tax	1316 77
Town tax	1 00
Highway tax	2300 00

Books for public library	$ 65 00	
Librarian's salary and expenses	50 00	
Memorial day	65 00	
Repairs on State road	120 00	
Gipsy and brown tail moths and elm beetles	200 00	
Guide boards	200 00	
School tax required by law	1395 00	
School tax extra by vote of District	700 00	
Academy tuition	450 00	
School house repairs	250 00	
Text books and supplies	125 00	
Salary of School Board	100 00	
Salary of Truant Officer and Clerk	6 00	
Flags and appurtenances	10 00	
Overlay	218 52	
Tax omitted and added	6 40	
		$9066 69
Number of Polls 202 taxed at $2.00		$404 00
Rate of taxation on $100.00		1 60
Amount given to Tax Collector for collection		9060 29
Tax omitted and added		4 00

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1914		
March 14,	Paid W. H. West	$6 22
April 15,	B. A. Follansbee	2 00
15,	Martin Mills	4 03
15,	W. T. Owen cutting bushes	3 00

Apr.	25,	C. H. Smith .	$ 21 85
	25,	Edward West .	67 97
May	29,	A. B. Adams .	5 27
	29,	Edward West .	26 87
	29,	J. W. Gordon .	53 01
	29,	A. P. Morse .	50 56
	29,	N. W. Goldsmith stringers and bridge plank	27 35
	29,	F. M. Morse .	56 33
	29,	J. D. Fiske .	3 16
	29,	Roger P. Edwards .	27 50
June	27,	C. H. Smith .	49 00
	27,	D. M. Mitchell .	98 64
	27,	A. B. Adams .	22 18
	27,	Martin Mills .	40 62
	27,	W. N. Colby .	73 25
	27,	A. P. Morse .	34 23
	27,	Albert L. Warren .	53 78
	27,	Edward West .	32 12
	27,	Austin J. Lane .	94 64
	27,	F. M. Morse .	10 56
July	3,	L. B. Richardson .	50 05
	13,	N. W. Goldsmith, bridge plank . .	45 25
Aug.	29,	J. W. Gordon .	45 15
	29,	A. B. Adams .	18 90
	29,	Leon B. Richardson .	26 25
Sept.	1,	Alfred Roberge trimming trees .	4 00
	26,	Edward West .	9 42
	26,	W. T. Owen .	51 06
Oct.	31,	A. P. Morse .	3 85
	31,	A. B. Adams .	18 28
	31,	J. W. Gordon .	48 13

Oct.	31,	Edward West, cutting bushes . .	$ 30	16
	31,	Roger P. Edwards .	3	50
	31,	Charles H. Edwards, relaying drain pipe	7	45
	31,	Wm. N. Colby .	53	30
	31,	F. M. Morse .	13	96
	31,	Wm. T. Owen .	8	50
Nov.	28,	City of Manchester, sewer pipe .	25	20
	28,	Waldo Brothers, sewer pipe . .	7	20
	28,	Robert Hazelton, clearing brush .	1	00
	28,	Austin J. Lane .	14	66
Dec.	26,	Roger P. Edwards, cutting bushes .	6	29
	26,	W. T. Owen, cutting bushes . .	40	04

1915

Jan.	13,	Albert L. Warren, cuting bushes .	5	00
	30,	George A. Cammett .	9	00
	30,	Martin Mills .	8	75
	30,	Roger P. Edwards, cutting bushes .	22	75
Feb.	15,	J. W. Gordon, cutting bushes . .	1	00
	15,	Wm. N. Colby .	5	10
	15,	Dwight M. Mitchell .	3	90
				$1451 24

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STATE ROAD.

1914				
Oct. 31,	Paid James E. Watkins, town's share of cost of construction	$2355 22		
				$2355 22

REPAIRS ON STATE ROAD.

1914				
March 28,	Paid J. E. McCannon		$4 88	
May 29,	F. M. Morse		22 67	
June 27,	F. M. Morse		19 45	
Oct 31,	F. M. Morse		60 76	
				$107 76

REPAIRS ON ROAD MACHINERY.

1914				
June 6,	Paid Good Roads Machinery Co.		$4 50	
Aug. 29,	C. H. Edwards pole for road machine		1 00	
Dec. 20,	Joseph F. Edwards		95	
1915				
Jan. 15,	Harry M. Preston		12 35	
				$18 80

BREAKING ROADS.

1914			
March 20,	Paid Charles Cook	$1 36	
20,	John F. Green	1 66	
25,	Roger P. Edwards	7 95	
28,	J. E. McCannon	8 78	
28,	George A. Cammett	11 54	
28,	Edward West	5 65	
28,	C. H. Smith	4 75	

March 28,	Austin J. Lane	$11 64		
28,	Leon B. Richardson	15 60		
April 15,	B. A. Follansbee	13 25		
15,	W. T. Owen	8 01		
25,	Wm. N. Colby	9 95		
Dec. 20,	Roger P. Edwards	1 78		
1915				
Feb. 15,	F. M. Morse	2 94		
				$104 86

GUIDE BOARDS.

1914				
Aug. 29,	Paid Charles H. Edwards lumber and work	$15 34		
29,	Charles H. Edwards posts	14 50		
Oct. 31,	S. B. Gibson painting and lettering guide boards	23 00		
Dec. 11,	S. B. Gibson repairing and painting guide boards	18 00		
11,	I. A. Sanborn labor and use of team	36 00		
26,	Joseph F. Edwards labor	12 40		
				$119 24

GIPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

1914				
March 14,	Paid Robert H. Hazelton	$20 50		
14,	Bert Gile	20 35		
20,	Albert Knippe	13 43		
20,	A. F. McDuffie	14 40		
28,	Samuel Cabot, creosote	5 50		
April 15,	Henry Mills,	1 50		
				$75 68

SPRAYING SHADE TREES.

1914			
June 27,	Paid D. E. Hoitt	$158 50	
			$158 50

EXPENDITURES FOR STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL.

1914			
May 29,	Paid A. H. Jenkins, eaves trough and labor	$12 17	
June 6,	Louis Gardner, pump and labor	42 67	
			$54 84

PAINTING STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL.

1914			
Aug. 7,	Paid Charles A. Nichols, labor	$100 00	
1915			
Feb. 15,	Webster Bros., paint, oil, etc.	90 50	
			$190 50

FIREPROOF VAULT.

1914			
Nov. 28,	Paid Art Construction Co. shelving for vault	$20 25	
Dec. 26,	Cyrus F. Marston, services and expenses on vault	6 07	
			$26 32

PIANO.

1914			
Oct. 31,	Paid Piper & McIntire, tuning piano	$2 50	

1915				
Feb. 15,	A. E. Young, repairs .	$ 1 00		
				$3 50

SUPPLIES FOR STEVENS MEMORIAL AND TOWN HALLS

1914				
Nov. 28,	Paid C. H. Edwards for wood . .	$25 50		
1915				
Feb. 15,	Gillingham and Colby, wood . .	11 25		
15,	A. H. Wilcomb, supplies . .	41 43		
15,	Webster Bros., supplies	5 45		
				$83 63

JANITOR'S SERVICES.

1914				
May 29,	Paid J. W. Gordon .	$31 25		
1915				
Feb. 15,	J. W. Gordon .	93 75		
				$125 00

SCHOOL MONEY.

1914			
April 25,	Paid Elizabeth S. Hooke, part school money .	$1000 00	
July 13,	Elizabeth S. Hooke part school money .	200 00	
Sept. 26,	Elizabeth S. Hooke part school money .	1000 00	
Dec. 19,	Elizabeth S. Hooke part school money .	500 00	

1915				
Jan.	13,	Elizabeth S. Hooke balance dog license fees for 1913 .	$ 166 38	
	13,	Elizabeth S. Hooke literary fund .	92 40	
	13,	Elizabeth S. Hooke proportion of school fund . .	251 34	
	13,	Elizabeth S. Hooke balance of school money for 1914 .	336 00	
				$3546 12

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1914				
Aug.	29,	Paid John C. Ramsdell librarian's salary .	$50 00	
Oct.	31,	John C. Ramsdell for purchase of books .	65 00	
1915				
Feb.	15,	John C. Ramsdell interest on library trust fund . .	11 89	
				$126 89

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1914				
Nov.	28,	Paid Samuel J. Cogswell, M. D., medical attendance at G. A. Beckford's . .	$16 50	
	28,	S. H. Bell for antitoxin	5 00	
	28,	Frank M. Morse burying dog . .	50	

Dec.	26,	James S. Roberts, M. D., services as Health Officer at Geo. N. Roberts' .	5 48	
	26,	James S. Roberts medical attendance at G. A. Beckford's .	25 56	
1915				
Jan.	30,	A. Perley Fitch Co., antitoxin .	3 75	
Feb.	15,	A. N. West goods for Beckford family .	65	
	15,	W. I. Martin, three trips to Beckford place, .	$3 00	
	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, supplies for Beckford family .	13 77	
	15,	Cyrus F. Marston, services and expenses as health officer .	3 75	
				$77 96

POLICE SERVICES.

1914				
June	27,	Paid J. W. Towle .	$4 00	
Aug.	29,	J. W. Gordon, July 3 and 4 . .	2 00	
	29,	J. W. Towle, July 3-4-5	4 00	
Sept.	26,	S. A. Steele, for primary	2 00	
	26.	S. A. Steele, for July 3-4	3 00	
		J. W. Towle .	4 00	
Nov.	28,	S. A. Steele, election day . .	2 00	
Dec.	26.	J. W. Gordon Nov. 3 .	2 00	
1915				
Feb.	15,	Wm. N. Colby, July 3-4	3 00	
				$26 00

FOREST FIRES.

1914			
June 27,	Paid J. W. Towle posting notices .	$1 00	
Nov. 28,	John H. Robie looking after forest fires .	15 10	
			$16 10

CARE OF CEMETERIES.

1914			
Dec. 26,	Paid Robert A. Hazelton .	$10 70	
1915			
Jan. 30,	Martin Colby mowing cemetery at North Chester . .	2 00	
30,	Allen J. Parker, work in cemetery at North Chester . .	1 50	
			$14 20

CARE OF MONUMENT COMMON.

1914			
Nov. 28,	Paid Robert H. Hazelton .	$2 30	
			$2 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1914			
July 25,	Paid Samuel S. Warren wrong tax .	$24 00	
1915			
Feb. 15,	Nathan W. Goldsmith abatement on tax list of 1913: Edward Burnham left town .	1 62	

Feb. 15, Paid Edward O. Fegan left town		2 19	
Charles J. Robie paid in Brentwood		1 62	
Herbert W. Robie paid in Derry		1 62	
Frederick W. Peabody left town		1 62	
Robert Bryant left town		1 62	
Walter E. Drowne paid in Derry		1 62	
Charles H. Townsend paid in Lynn		1 62	
George E. Brock left town		1 62	
Arthur T. Payne left town		1 62	
Charles Bailey paid in Hampstead		12 71	
Fred O. Bailey paid in Hampstead		1 38	
Charles Anderson left town		1 62	
Howard W. Edwards left town		1 62	
15, Paid Nathan W. Goldsmith poll tax abatement for 1914:			
Herbert W. Robie, paid in Derry		2 00	
Robert Bryant, left town		2 00	
Rufus Boise, paid in Haverhill		2 00	
Carl Hanson, under age		2 00	
Henry Leventure, left town		2 00	
			$68 10

DISCOUNT.

1915				
Feb.	15,	Paid N. W. Goldsmith, discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1914	$125 84	
				$125 84

TAX COLLECTOR.

1915				
Feb.	15,	Paid N. W. Goldsmith, collecting poll taxes for 1914	$1 30	
	15,	N. W. Goldsmith, collecting balance of 1913 tax	16 98	
	15,	N. W. Goldsmith, collecting taxes in 1914	72 00	
				$90 28

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1914				
March	28,	Paid H. J. Thurber, inventory notice slips	$1 51	
	28,	News-Enterprise, printing Town Reports	51 00	
	28,	E. C. Eastman, Order and Receipt book	1 31	
May	29.	N. W. Goldsmith, poll tax bills	1 25	
June	27,	E. A. Sanborn, tax collector's book	1 50	
Nov.	28,	E. C. Eastman, order and receipt book	1 31	

	28,	News - Enterprise, tax bills . .	$ 2 00	
1915				
Feb.	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, stamped envelopes .	5 49	
	15,	E. A. Sanborn, postage and stationery .	75	
	15,	Temple & Farrington Co., invoice and record books .	16 00	
				$82 12

RETURN OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

1915				
Feb.	15,	Paid James S. Roberts, M. D., 14 deaths and 8 births . .	$5 50	
	15,	James G. Robertson, 1 marriage .	25	
				$5 75

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1915				
Feb.	15,	Paid Albert L. Warren .	$40 00	
				$40 00

INTEREST ON TRUST FUND.

1915				
Feb	15,	Paid Cyrus F. Marston, interest on Cemetery Trust Fund .	$48 32	
				$48 32

COUNTY TAX.

1914			
July 24,	Paid County Treasurer .	$1316 77	
			$1316 77

STATE TAX.

1915			
Feb. 15,	Paid State Treasurer .	$1488 00	
			$1488 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

1914			
May 29,	Paid E. J. Robie .	$50 00	
			$50 00

VOTING BOOTHS.

1914			
Aug. 22,	Paid A. E. Fish & Co., for four folding voting booths .	$29 00	
			$29 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1914			
Nov. 28,	Paid Mrs. Sarah E. Dolber, dinners for officers at Primary .	$4 00	
28,	Woman's Relief Corps, dinners for officers Election Day .	3 20	
1915			
Feb. 15,	Charles F. True, pipe for public watering trough .	1 00	

15,	J. W. Gordon, repairs on flag	$ 1 00	
15,	A. H. Wilcomb, agt., freight and express	6 62	
15,	Mrs. Sarah E. Dolber, dinners for Selectmen and Auditors	3 50	
			$19 32

MODERATOR.

1914			
May 29,	Paid N. W. Goldsmith	$5 00	
			$5 00

TOWN CLERK.

1915			
Feb. 15,	Paid Cyrus F. Marston, services and expenses	$28 00	
			$28 00

TOWN TREASURER.

1915			
Feb. 15,	Paid John M. Webster	$25 00	
			$25 00

SUPERVISORS.

1914			
April 15,	Paid W. T. Owen, services in 1913	$5 00	
Nov. 28,	W. I. Martin	15 00	
1915			
Jan. 30,	George S. West	15 00	
Feb. 15,	W. T. Owen	15 00	
			$50 00

BALLOT CLERKS.

1914				
Nov. 28,	Paid F. M. Morse	.	$4 00	
1915				
Jan. 30,	A. F. B. Edwards	.	4 00	
30,	Leroy D. Morse	.	4 00	
30,	Elmer A. Sanborn	.	2 00	
Feb. 15,	George S. Webster	.	2 00	
				$16 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1915				
Feb. 15,	Paid Elmer A. Sanborn	.	$95 60	
15,	Charles W. Witham	.	91 49	
15,	Joseph F. Edwards	.	87 45	
				$274 54

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

1915				
Feb. 15,	Paid Joseph F. Edwards	.	$20 80	
				$20 80

AUDITORS.

1915				
Feb. 15,	Paid Cyrus F. Marston	.	$2 00	
15,	John D. Fiske	.	2 00	
15,	Addison A. Bean	.	2 00	
				$6 00

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

1914				
April 25,	Paid C. H. Clement, clothing	.	$12 00	
	James S. Roberts, M. D., for professional services	.	6 00	
				$18 00

Collected from County of Rockingham and paid Towr Treasurer .	$6 00	
		$6 00
Due from County of Rockingham, .	$12 00	
		$12 00

REPORT OF JOSEPH F. EDWARDS, OVERSEER OF POOR.

Paid Joseph F. Edwards for lodging 16 transients . .	$8 00	
		$8 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

JOSEPH RYAN.

Paid James S. Roberts, M. D., for professional services .	$2 00	
Elmer A. Sanborn, for conveying to county farm .	3 00	
		$5 00

THOMAS HAYES.

Paid James S. Roberts, M. D., for professional services .	$5 00	
Josegh F. Edwards, ror conveying to Sandown and carfare to Epping .	1 80	
		$6 80

LUTHER MORSE.

Paid Mary F. West, for board and care from Feb. 4, 1914, to Feb. 3. 1915, 52 weeks .	$78 00	
A. H. Wilcomb, clothing .	9 25	
		$87 25

ELIZABETH RAND.

Paid Lizzie Foote for board and care from Jan. 31, 1914 to Dec. 12, 1914, 45 weeks	$67 50	
C. E. Beane, for casket	16 00	
Avery M. Foster, for professional services	1 50	
Martin Colby, services	2 00	
		$87 00
Collected from bill of last year	$0 50	
		$0 50
		$186 55
Collected from County of Rockingham and paid to Town Treasurer	$186 55	
		$186 55

Chester, N. H., February 18th, 1915.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 15, 1915, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
JOHN D. FISKE,
ADDISON A. BEANE,
} Auditors.

JANITOR'S REPORT

OF RECEIPTS FROM STEVENS MEMORIAL HALL.

From Chester Grange, one year from Feb. 15, 1914 to Feb. 15, 1915	$85 00
For fifteen dances	68 00

From Baptist Society	$11 00	
Congregational Society	4 50	
Christian Endeavor Society	4 50	
Woman's Relief Corps	3 50	
Railroad Meeting	2 00	
Drama	3 75	
		$182 25

Receipts from Old Town Hall.

From Junior Order, one year to Feb. 15, 1915	$19 30	
Lecture for Grange	70	
Christian Endeavor Society	70	
Baptist Society	70	
Telephone Meeting	85	
Baptist Society	85	
		$23 10

THE TOWN OF CHESTER, IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN M. WEBSTER, Town Treasurer.

Receipts.

By cash of Arthur H. Wilcomb, late treasurer	$2543 85	
N. W. Goldsmith on tax list of 1913	1415 12	
N. W. Goldsmith, interest on tax list, 1913	44 40	
N. W. Goldsmith on tax list, 1914	7288 79	
Cyrus F. Marston, town clerk, dog license fees	153 93	
C. F. Marston, Cynthia J. Brown Cemetery fund	50 00	
Amos T. French for a flag	15 13	

Rockingham County, support of poor	$ 192 55
Abraham Merrick, junk dealer's license	5 00
Aaron Lituchook, junk dealer's license	5 00
Jacob Richmond, junk dealer's license	5 00
Michael Sessen, junk dealer's license	5 00
Albert E. Haynes, pedler's license	5 00
Fotes Twanto, pedler's license	5 00
James E. Watkins, highway damage	31 04
Town of Derry, line guide boards	3 00
Town of Auburn, line guide boards	1 50
Town of Fremont, line guide boards	1 50
Town of Raymond, line guide boards	1 50
Josiah Fitz 4th, for rent of Town and Stevens halls	4 50
James W. Gordon, for rent of Town and Stevens halls	205 35
Town of Auburn, use of road roller	12 00
State Treasurer for Railroad tax	105 15
State Treasurer, for Savings Bank tax	2152 52

State Treasurer, for Literary fund	$92 40	
State Treasurer, for School fund	251 34	
		$14,591 57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor orders	$12,685 55	
Cash in hands of treasurer, to balance	1,906 02	
		$14,591 57

JOHM M. WEBSTER, Town Treasurer.

Chester, N. H., February 18th, 1915.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the account of John M. Webster, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and sustained with satisfactory vouchers, and there remains in his hands at the close of the fiscal year, $1,906.02.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
JOHN D. FISKE,
ADDISON A. BEAN,
} Auditors.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TOWN.

For the Year Ending Feb. 15th, 1915.

ASSETS.

Balance due on Tax list of 1913,	$11 34	
Balance due on tax list of 1914	1651 61	
Amount due for use of road roller	40 00	
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer	1906 02	
Amount due from state for maintenance fund on State road	179 68	
		$3788 65

LIABILITIES.

Note dated May 3, 1904, due Cemetery trustees in trust for John W. Noyes Cemetery fund, interest paid to 15th, 1915 .	$300 00
Note dated Feb. 15, 1905, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Jonathan Pressey Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	32 00
Note dated March 15, 1905, due Cemetery trustees in trust for William White Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	75 00
Note dated Dec. 23, 1908, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Luther W. Hall Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	100 00
Note dated Dec. 24, 1908, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Edmund Sleeper Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	45 00
Note dated June 17, 1909, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Hannah M. Williams Cemetery fund interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	50 00
Note dated Feb. 15, 1910, due Cemetery trustees in trust for George W. Stevens Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	339 80
Note dated Feb. 15, 1910, due Library trustees in trust for the George W. Stevens Library fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	339 80

Note dated August 23, 1910,due Cemetery trustees in trust for Henry Moore Cemetery fund interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	$60 00	
Note dated Aug. 23, 1910, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Sarah A. True Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	75 00	
Note dated July 7, 1911, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Samuel S. Parker Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	40 00	
Note dated October 3, 1911,due Cemetery trustees in trust for Charles A. Dearborn Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	100 00	
Note dated October 11, 1911, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Rev. Charles Tenney Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 . . .	100 00	
Note dated June 3, 1912, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Lot Knowles Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	50 00	
Note dated Oct. 31st, 1914, due Cemetery trustees in trust for Cynthia J. Brown Cemetery fund, interest paid to Feb. 15, 1915 .	50 00	
Amount in Town Treasury for maintenance of State Highway .	44 88	
Total Liabilities		$1801 48
Balance in favor of Town		$1987 17

Balance in favor of town Feb. 15, 1914		$ 703 68
Net gain for the past year		$1283 49

STATEMENT OF JOINT HIGHWAY FUND.

State contribution	$1070 63	
Town contribution	2355 22	
		$3425 85
Amount paid by Town	$2355 22	
Amount paid by State	828 13	
Amount in State treasury	242 50	
		$3425 85

NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Final Statement of Account With James E. Watkins, Contractor.

175.47 cubic yds. earth excavated	$105 28	
862.70 cubic yds. earth borrowed	431 35	
8.00 cubic yds. ledge excavated	24 00	
24 ft. 24-in. corrugated metal pipe	8 40	
12 ft 24-in. corrugated metal pipe	4 20	
12 ft. 18-in corrugated metal pipe	4 20	
1220 tons broken stone	2562 00	
248 lin. ft. fencing	74 40	
Extra work	11 28	
		$3225 11
Less amount to be paid by Electric Road		41 76
		$3183 35
Paid by Town	$2355 22	
Paid by State	28 13	
		$3183 35

The above bill approved for payment October 16th, 1914, by S. Percy Hooke, State Superintendent of Highways.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books added to the library in 1914	85
Purchased with town money	43
Purchased with fines	5
Given	37
Number of books taken out during the year	5617
Largest number taken out in any one day, Dec. 12, 1914	102
Smallest number, Oct 21st, 1914	12
Average for each library day	55
Percent of fiction read	77
Per cent of non-fiction read	23

Dr.

Money received in fines	$5 67	
Gift of Miss Helen E. Gage	2 00	
Gift of Mrs. Marion Olive	1 00	
From summer boarders	65	
Balance on hand from 1913	2 01	
		$11 33

Cr.

Expended for books, magazines and needed spplies	$6 63	
Cash on hand to balance	4 70	
		$11 33

Gifts of books have been received from Chester J. Wilcomb, Miss Adelia Freeman, Malden, Mass., Mrs. Marion Olive, New York, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. French, the "Mrs. Eddy fund," and the State of New Hampshire.

Sixteen copies of Popular Mechanics have been given by Mr. James Heath, and other donations of magazines have been made by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. French, Mrs. Elthea Emerson, Mrs. Duraxa Crawford, and the publishers of the Country Gentleman, of Harper's Weekly, and the Ladies' World.

Mr. John Fiske has presented the library with a much needed iron poker.

There are now 2918 catalogued books.

ISABELLE H. FITZ, Librarian.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

George W. Stevens Trust Fund	.	$339 80	
			$339 80

Receipts for the Year.

1914				
Feb.	15,	Cash on hand .	$87 33	
Aug.	28,	Received from Town .	50 00	
Nov.	1,	Received from Town .	65 00	
	10,	Received for Books .	2 80	
1915				
Feb.	15,	Received from Town, Interest on Library Trust fund	11 89	
				$217 02

Expenditures for the Year.

1914			
May	16,	Paid W. H. Berry, card file	$2 00
	18,	L. H. Pillsbury, lamp .	1 60
	29,	Forrest Nichols, janitor's services .	3 70
	3,	S. F. Claflin, magazines	16 85
July	3,	Isabelle H. Fitz, salary	12 50
	29,	Mrs. George Fitz, seating chair .	1 00
Sept.	8,	Courier Publishing Co., cards . .	2 61
	29,	Bert Davis, shingles .	12 00

Dec.	7,	Earl Hazelton, cutting wood . .	$ 1 70	
	8,	W. P. Nichols, repairs	17 15	
	31,	Charles H. Green, wood	4 19	
1915				
Jan.	4,	W. P. Goodman, books	46 55	
	5,	Isabelle H. Fitz, salary	12 50	
	13,	W. P. Goodman, books	4 87	
Feb.	15,	Chester & Derry R. R., freight . .	36	
	15,	A. H. Wilcomb, mdse.	76	
	15,	Cash to balance .	76 68	
				$217 02

JOHN C. RAMSDELL
MARTIN MILLS
LEROY D. MORSE
} Trustees.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

The following is an account of the "Cemetery Trust Funds" held by the Town of Chester, at three and one half per cent per annum, for the year ending February 15, 1915.

Dr.

The John W. Noyes Fund	$300 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914	12 12	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	10 86	
		$322 98

Cr.

By Town Note	$300 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of the John W. Noyes lot, gates, etc.	9 50	
By Cash to balance	13 48	
		$322 98

Dr.

The Jonathan Pressey Fund	$32 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914	10 66	
Interest to Feb. 1915	1 42	
		$44 08

Cr.

By Town Note	$32 00	
By Cash to balance	12 08	
		$44 08

Dr.

The William W. White Fund	$75 00	
Cash balance, Feb. 15, 1914	9 65	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	2 90	
		$87 55

Cr.

By Town Note	$75 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of the White lot	2 00	
By Cash to balance	10 55	
		$87 55

Dr.

The Luther W. Hall Fund	$100 00	
Cash balance Feb, 15, 1914	62	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	3 50	
		$104 12

Cr.

By Town Note	$100 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of the Luther W. Hall lot and gate	2 70	
By cash to balance	1 42	
		$104 12

Dr.

The Edmund Sleeper Fund	$45 00	
Cash balance, Feb. 15, 1914	95	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	1 57	
		$47 52

Cr.

By Town Note	$45 00	

Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for care of the Edmund Sleeper lot	$ 1 60	
By cash to balance	92	
		$47 52

Dr.

The Hannah M. Williams Fund	$50 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914	4 57	
Interest, Feb. 15, 1915	1 87	
		$56 44

Cr.

By Town Note	$50 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for care of Williams lot	1 00	
By cash to balance	5 44	
		$56 44

Dr.

The George W. Stevens Fund	$339 80	
Cash balance, Feb. 15, 1914	34 64	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	12 92	
		$387 36

Cr.

By Town Note	$339 80	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for care of two G. W. Stevens lots	7 15	
By cash to balance	40 41	
		$387 36

Dr.

The Sarah A. True Fund	$75 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914	3 73	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	2 73	
		$81 46

Cr.

By Town Note . .	$75 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for care of Sarah A. True lot .	1 50	
By cash to balance . .	4 96	
		$81 46

Dr.

The Henry Moore Fund .	$60 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914 .	30	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915 .	2 10	
		$62 40

Cr.

By Town Note . .	$60 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton, for care of the Henry Moore and Emily J. Hazelton lots . .	2 30	
By cash to balance . .	10	
		$62 40

Dr.

The Samuel S. Parker Fund .	$40 00	
Cash balance, Feb. 15, 1914 .	1 15	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915 .	1 40	
		$42 55

Cr.

By Town Note . .	$40 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of Samuel S. Parker lot .	1 50	
By Cash to balance . .	1 05	
		$42 55

Dr.

The Charles A. Dearborn Fund	$100 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914	4 47	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	3 62	
		$108 09

Cr.

By Town Note	$100 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of two Dearborn lots	3 85	
By Cash to balance	4 24	
		$108 09

Dr.

The Rev. Charles Tenney Fund	$100 00	
Cash balance, Feb. 15, 1914	4 44	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	3 61	
		$108 05

Cr.

By Town Note	$100 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of the Charles Tenney lot	1 75	
By Cash to balance	6 30	
		$108 05

Dr.

The Lot Knowles Fund	$50 00	
Cash balance Feb. 15, 1914	02	
Interest to Feb. 15, 1915	1 75	
		$51 77

Cr.

By Town Note . .	$50 00	
Paid Robert H. Hazelton for care of the Knowles lot . .	1 54	
By Cash to balance . .	22	
		$51 76

Dr.

The Cynthia J. Brown Fund .	$50 00	
Interest from Oct. 30, 1914 to Feb. 15, 1915 . . .	49	
		$50 49

Cr.

By Town Note . .	$50 00	
By Cash to balance . .	49	
		$50 49

ADDISON A. BEAN
CYRUS F. MARSTON
ROBERT H. HAZELTON, } Cemetery Trustees.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 15, 1915.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Cemetery Trustees for the year past and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

JOHN D. FISKE, Auditor.

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, SS.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall in said town, Saturday, the 13th day of March, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To choose a Clerk.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.

5. To choose a Treasurer.

6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools, in addition to that required by law.

8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to keep the school buildings in repair.

9. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this 19th day of February, 1915.

MARTHA T. LEARNARD,
JAMES S. ROBERTS,
WILLIAM B. UNDERHILL,
} School Board of Chester.

A true copy of Warrant, Attest.

MARTHA T. LEARNARD,
JAMES S. ROBERTS,
WILLIAM B. UNDERHILL,
} School Board of Chester.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The annual report of the School Board of Chester for the year ending Feb. 15 1915, is herewith submitted:

The School Board wish to call the attention of the voters of the School District of the Town of Chester to a comparison of the financial reports of the last two years. In 1913 the District raised $2813, which was not enough fo meet the requirements of the law in order to secure state aid for the schools. In 1914, the amount of $3038 was raised ($75 more than the preceding year for schools, $50 more for academy tuition, $100 extra for repairs) and thus the town secured from the state $128.74 for average attendance, besides the $82.60 for tuition rebate and $40 for qualified teachers. It would be economy for the School District to vote every year to raise *such a sum of money as will meet the requirements of the law*, especially as this insures always the receipt of $200 yearly interest on the Brown fund. Parents should understand, too, that the state aid is appropriated according to the average attendance of pupils, so that every parent who allows his child to stay at home even a half day thereby lessens the appropriation, injuring by just so much, not only his own child's chance to be educated but also every other child's chance. In this connection also it is well to note that the town receives from the state $2 a week for each teacher who is a graduate of a Normal school or has a state certificate. Misses Aylward and Godfrey and Mrs. Lonegan were Normal school graduates and the town receives $2 a week towards their salary. Since there is a provision for experienced teachers to obtain a certificate without examination, and since any ambitious young teacher can obtain a certificate by studying

and taking the examinations it would seem wise to employ teachers who will meet the requirements of this law.

Another matter of importance is the continuance of the high school. Dr. Morrison, in a recent pamphlet, advocates the establishment, in the smaller towns, of high schools with a four-year course of study. He mentions Chestor as one of the towns which should have such a school. It seems under present conditions in Chester that a one or two-year course is all that can be considered, but the success of the experiment for the last three years of such a course proves that it can be and ought to be maintained. Not only has the town saved several hundred dollars out of town tuition, but the teacher of the high school classes has also all the work of the highest grade of the grammar school, so that this grade gets the advantage of having much more time bestowed upon it by the high school teacher than the regular grammar school teacher could possibly give. Pupils who have attended regularly and done their work well here, all testify that they found they were well prepared to enter second or third year classes in other high schools or academies, and the principal of such schools also admit this. The greatest hindrance to progress in this school, as in all others, is the irregular attendance, and this will have to be met by giving credit in the certificates only for the number of weeks the pupil was present.

Good work has been done in most of the schools during the year, exceptionally good work in some of them. Miss Lane has reason to be proud of her honor roll as it is, though it would have been much larger had it not been for the contagious diseases so prevalent this winter. The North Chester school shows plainly the advantage of having an interested, energetic, conscientious teacher stay in the same school. Miss Mathews has been in this school two and a half years, and any children are fortunate to have her as their teacher. The parents in the Towle district have been satisfied with their school and are asking to have Miss Godfrey return to

them. Miss Coolidge in the South school always maintains her reputation for thorough teaching and for her care of the town's school property. The records of the grammar school show that during the fall and winter terms two parents have visited the school. Yet this school always receives the most criticism. How can it come from fullness of knowledge when only two have entered the doors of the school room to judge for themselves?

The thanks of the town are due to Mr. E. J. Wilcomb of Manchester who has left in Mr. Underhill's care an organ to be placed in whatever school house it may be needed. The teachers this year have most of them been competent to teach vocal music, and the singing at the grammar school graduation showed that it is well worth while not to neglect this important branch of study.

"Education is the debt due from the present to the future generation." Let Chester pay its debt not only freely but gladly.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who have not been absent or tardy during the year:

Pauline W. Robertson, Grammar
Frances L. Robertson, Primary
Bernice F. Morse, Primary

The following were perfect in attendance two terms:

Carolyn I. Lane, Primary
Lloyd A Robie, Primary
Forrest R. Warren, Primary.
James W. Towle, No. 6

Perfect one term.

Elsie Brown, Grammar
Adin B. Goldsmith, Grammar

Eleanor H. Goldsmith, Grammar
Loren P. Rand, Grammar
Ethel G. Smith, Grammar
Edna Young, Grammar
Wesley H. Young, Grammar
Georgia M. Dolber, Primary
S. Elizabeth Dolber, Primary.
Pauline C. Fiske, Primary
Robert C. Hazelton, Primary
Evelyn V. Lane, Primary
Ruth T. Lane, Primary
Otis G. Macauley, Primary
Bernice E. Smith, Primary
Blanche M. Smith, Primary
Helen A. Warren, Primary
Gertrude M. Leighton, South
Walton E. Leighton, South
Harlan F. Weeks, No. 5
Harold S. Weeks, No. 5
Mildred R. Parker, No. 5
Alvah G. Healey, No. 6
Carroll F. Healey, No. 6
Bernard M. Sanborn, No. 6
Edith A. Sanborn, No. 6
Harold E. Wason, No. 6
Edith J. Wason, No. 6

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers' Salaries.

1914–1915

Hazel N. Currier, No. 1, High, Spring term	$196 00
Grace T. Lonergan, No. 1, Grammar, Spring term	150 50

Lizzie S. Hooke, No. 1, Grammar, Spring term	$12 00	
Laura R. Lane, No. 1, Primary, Spring term	126 00	
Martha L. Coolidge, No. 2, Spring term	112 00	
Gertrude E. Mathews, No. 5, Spring term	126 00	
Elizabeth M. Hurd, No. 6, Spring term	130 00	
Dorothy W. Madden, No. 1, High, Fall and Winter	308 00	
Mary E. Aylward, No. 1, Grammar, Fall and Winter	264 00	
Laura R. Lane, No. 1, Primary, Fall and Winter	198 00	
Martha L. Coolidge, No. 2, Fall and Winter	160 00	
Gertrude E. Mathews, No. 5, Fall and Winter	198 00	
Rose A. Godfrey, No. 6, Fall and Winter	220 00	
		$2200 50

CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS.

Otis S. Davenport	$144 00	
Mrs. F. A. Lincoln	65 00	
Mrs. F. A. Lincoln	76 00	
Mrs. G. A. Dolber	18 00	
Mrs. F. A. Lincoln, to Mr. Sanborn	12 00	
		$315 00

FUEL.

1914.		
May 23, Myron T. Brown, 1 cord wood	$4 00	

June 2,	Alfred Carr, sawing and housing wood	$ 1 35
	2, George F. West, sawing and housing wood	1 25
	3, Dana Weeks, 1-2 cord wood	1 50
Oct. 21,	George F. West, sawing wood	1 25
	21, Mr. Gilpatrick sawing wood	1 15
	21, Harold Gilpatrick, sawing wood	1 15
	31, Dana Weeks, 2 1-4 cords wood	9 00
Nov. 7,	Alfred Carr, sawing 2 cords wood	2 00
Dec. 2,	William B. Underhill, 4 cords wood	20 00
	2, George F. West, sawing and housing wood at village and Towle school house	5 60
	4, Luther F. West, sawing and housing wood	1 50
	24, Charles H. Edwards, 1 cord wood	3 00

1915.

Jan. 2,	William B. Wason, 1 cord wood, sawed and housed	6 00
	2, 1-2 cord wood sawed and housed	1 75
	2, 1 cord wood	4 25
	1-2 cord wood	1 50
	2, Aaron W. Goodrich, sawing and housing 1-2 cord wood	60
	11, Harold R. Lewis, sawing and housing wood	1 75

	21, Luther F. West, sawing and housing 1 cord wood .	$ 1 75	
	29, George E. Gillingham, 3 cords wood . .	7 50	
	29, Charles H. Green, 4 1-2 cords pine wood .	11 69	
	29, 5 cords hard wood .	22 50	
Feb.	8, Elmer E. Spollett, kindling wood . .	1 50	
	8, George F. West, sawing 2 cords wood . .	2 00	
	8, Charles H. Green, 2 cords wood , .	9 00	
			$124 54

JANITORS' SERVICES.

1914			
June	27, Mrs. Ida L. Smith, care of 3 school houses, spring term . .	$11 70	
Dec.	2, Mrs. Ida L. Smith, care of 3 school houses, fall term . .	11 80	
1915			
Jan.	11, Harold R. Lewis, building fires in 3 rooms, spring term . .	9 40	
	30, Gertrude E. Mathews, care of fires . .	2 50	
Feb.	1, Mrs. Frank Gile, care of Brick school house, 20 weeks . .	10 00	
	6, Rose A. Godfrey, care of fires . .	2 50	

	6, Mrs. Ida L. Smith, care of 3 rooms	$ 8 10	
	15, Martha L. Coolidge, care of fires	2 25	
	15, Archie Van Dine, building fires	5 75	
	15, Randolph Burbank, building fires	90	
	15, Harold Gilpatrick, building fires	3 45	
	15, Ernest Burdett	25	
			$68 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

June	2, William B. Underhill, cartage	25	
	2, Notices printed	1 00	
	12, Miss Georgia Abbott, cleaning North Chester school house	3 00	
Sept.	8, Mrs. Frank Gile, cleaning high, grammar, and primary school rooms	5 00	
	12, Mrs. Mary F. West, cleaning Towle school house	2 00	
	24, Mrs. Frank Gile, cleaning Brick school house	1 00	
	26, William B. Underhill, paid Mrs. George A. Dolber entertaining Dr. Morrison and others	1 50	
	26, Philip Hazelton, work on school house grounds	1 00	
	26, William A. Healey work at Towle school house	1 00	

Oct. 31,	Farish G. Lewis, plan for school house addition	$ 1 00	
31,	Dana Weeks, labor at North Chester school house	1 00	
Dec. 31,	Miss Georgia Abbott, cleaning North Chester school house	3 00	
1915.			
Feb. 9,	D. H. Baker, repairing clock at No. 5	1 00	
9,	Mrs. Lizzie S. Hooke, expenses	2 50	
15,	C. F. Marston, repairing clock, 75 cts., auditor's services $1.00	1 75	
			$26 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Ginn and Company	$13 82	
American Book Company	27 02	
Goodyear-Marshall Co.	4 50	
The Boston Music Co	1 04	
Silver, Burdett and Co.	5 96	
E. E. Babb and Co.	22 89	
Oliver Ditson Co.	2 26	
D. C. Heath and Co.	4 58	
A. H. Wilcomb, pens	50	
Walter W. Lane, 1 pitch pipe	50	
Edson C. Eastman Co., 1 order book	1 30	
Jordan, Marsh and Co., 12 readers	3 00	
Mary E. Aylward, express	36	
D. H. Knowlton & Co., Little Classics	1 05	
M. T. Learnard, supplies	1 41	
		$90 19

TUITION.

Pinkerton Academy.

Hazel B. Butler	1 year	.	$39 00
Cora C. Forsaith	" "	.	39 00
Clifford E. Richardsan	" "	.	39 00
Helen A. Richardson	" "	.	39 00
Inez L. Stowe	" "	.	39 00
Lena M. Wood	" "	.	39 00
Edith E. Hazelton	1 term	.	16 00
Forrest A. Nichols	" "	.	16 00

Colby Academy.

Miriam M. Lewis	1 year	.	$40 00

Sanborn Seminary.

Helen D. Mackintosh	1 year	.	$40 00

Manchester High School.

Ruth A. Mills	1 year	.	$40 00	
Nellie W. Parker	" "	.	40 00	
Gladys I. Warren	" "	.	40 00	
Evelyn Stearns	16 weeks	.	24 00	
				$490 00

School District of Town of Auburn.

Warren C. McCannon	32 weeks	.	$8 00	
Herbert Stearns	9 "	.	2 25	
				$10 25

School District of Town of Hampstead.

Eugene F. Tenney	.	.		
Emma J. Tenney	.	.		
				$14 50

REPAIRS.

1914.			
May 2,	E. T. Morse, bill of 1910	$6 05	
June 2,	William B. Underhill, putting on double windows	50	
Sept. 30,	William A. West, painting 3 school houses	50 00	
Oct. 26,	L. H. Pillsbury & Co., 6 chairs	6 00	
Dec. 22,	D. W. Madden, 1 piece stove pipe	25	
1915			
Jan. 25,	William B. Underhill, labor on stove, paid	1 00	
25,	Harry Preston, repairs	1 00	
25,	James W. Gordon, labor on stove	75	
25,	Frank C. Brown, labor on stove	25	
25,	1 damper	15	
26,	A. H. Wilcomb, paints, oils etc.,	46 50	
26,	Sundries	5 10	
26,	Frank G. Lewis, labor and material at Brick school house	2 55	
26,	At grammar school house	8 46	
26,	Paid Percy Van Dine	84	
26,	Paid E. C. Chase	4 85	
Feb. 15,	Farish G. Lewis, paid labor and material for shingling primary school house	111 15	
15,	Fitting lock in entrance door	45	
			$245 85

FLAGS AND APPURTENANCES.

Henry A. Wheeler & Co., 2 flags	$11 78	
William B. Underhill, labor	88	
" " " team	1 00	
Stephen Steele, labor	88	
George F. West, labor	88	
Farish G. Lewis, putting in flag rope	1 00	
Arthur H. Wilcomb, rope, pulley and snaps	1 16	
		$17 58

SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

Members of School Board.

Martha T. Learnard	$35 00	
Dr. James S. Roberts	35 00	
William B. Underhill	30 00	
		$100 00

Clerk.

A. F. B. Edwards	$1 00	
		$1 00

Truant Officer.

James W. Towle	$1 00	
		$1 00

Estimates for the coming fiscal year ending Feb. 15, 1916:

1. Money required by law	$1395 00
1. Money required for text books and scholars supplies	125 00
1. Money reqnired for high school and academy tuition	500 00
1. Money required for flags and appurtenances	12 00
2. Money needed for salaries and expenses of School Board	100 00

2.	Money needed for truant officer . .	$5 00
2.	Money needed for services of other district officers . .	1 00
2.	Money needed for repairs . .	200 00

(1) Required by law. Must be assessed by Selectmen.

P. S. 81; 1 and 2. The annual report of the School Board is the notice to the Selectmen which is required by law.

2) To be appropriated in District meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA T. LEARNARD,
JAMES S. ROBERTS,
WILLIAM B. UNDERHILL,
} School Board of Chester.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 1915.

I hereby certify I have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.

For Fiscal Year Ending Feb. 15, 1915.

Revenue.

Current.

Balance from last year . .	$144 76
Entire amount of money required by law to be raised for schools 1914	1395 00
Entire additional amount voted at school meeting 1914 .	700 00
Amount assessed to pay for necessary books and supplies .	125 00
Amount assessed to pay tuition at high school or academy . .	450 00
Amount assessed to pay for flags and appurtenances . .	12 00

Amount assessed for salaries and expenses of district officers	106 00	
Amount of literary fund received from state Dec. 1914	92 40	
Amount received from state treasury for support of schools	128 74	
Amount received from state treasury for high school tuition	82 60	
Income from Dr. J. F. Brown fund for high school	200 00	
Amount from dog licenses, 1914	166 38	
Qualified teachers	40 00	
Total revenue for current expenses		$3642 88

Extraordinary.

Amount raised for repairs 1914	$250 00
Total	$3892 88

EXPENDITURES.

Current.

Amount expended for text books	$58 73
Amount expended for scholars supplies	31 46
Amount paid for teachers salaries	2200 50
Amount paid for school board, services and expenses	100 00
Amount paid for truant officer	1 00
Amount paid for other district officers	1 00
Amount paid for high school and academy tuition	490 00
Amount paid for elementary school tuition (other towns)	24 75
Amount paid for flags and appurtenances	17 58
Amount paid for transportation of pupils	315 00
Amount paid for janitor service	68 60
Amount paid for fuel	124 54

Amount unclassified expenditures not included above	$ 26 00
Total current expenditures . .	$3459 16
Extraordinary.	
Amount expended on repairs .	$245 85
Grand total expenditures .	$3705 01
Balance in favor of town	187 87
	$3892 88

ELIZABETH S. HOOKE,
District Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 19, 1915.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Elizabeth S. Hooke, Treasurer of the School District of Chester, for the past year, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Auditor.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Registered in the

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1914

Births Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1914.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & Con: Male or Female	Sex & Con: Living or Stillb	Sex & Con: No. of Child.	Sex & Con: Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father	Age of Mother
Feb. 22	Chester..	Myrtle Olive Healey..	f		4	w	William A. Healey....	Hattie Buss ...	Chester	Worcester, Mass....	33	33
Mar. 28	"	Ernest S. Edwards,...	m	l	1	w	Joseph F. Edwards...	Margeret A. Cook....	"	Swampscott, Mass..	25	19
June 18	"	Edith Evelyn Teague.	f	l	4	w	James B. Teague	Ethel G. Kitchen ...	Gardner, Me.	Lynn Mass	28	25
July 23	"	Lous M. Butterfield.	m	l	1	w	Louis M. Butterfield..	Ethel M. Moore	Chester	Raymond, ...	23	21
Sept. 24	" ...	—— Draper	m		2	w	George H. Draper....	Margaret Wood	Waltham, Mass	Haverhill, Mass	26	25
" 24	"	—— Draper ...	m	l	3	w	" " "	" "	" " ...	" "	28	25
Dec. 12	"	Helen M. Tenney	f	l	5	w	Walter P. Tenney....	Myrtle J. DeLeskey..	Chester	St. Johns, N. B.....	35	35

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1914.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 3	Chester	Leslie Ira Ordway	Derry	22	w	Shoe-maker..	Milford	Ira James Ordway	1	Jemes G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester
								Mary A. Smart		
		Clementine M. Wells...	Chester	20	w	Telepho e Operator	Sandown	Clement H. Wells	1	
								Laura M. Moore		
July 11	Chester	John M. Duston	Salem ...	21	w	Steam Engineer	Salem	Edwin E. Duston	1	Thomas J. Cate, Clergyman, Chester
								Clara F Duston		
		Maude Bernice Parker .	Chester ...	20	w	School Teacher	Chester	John M. Parker	1	
								Adelaide C. Underhill..		
Sept. 26	Manchester.	John A. Maple	Chester	20	w	Farmer ..	Port Henry. N. Y.	Frank Maple	1	H. Mc. F. B, Ogilby, Clergyman, Manchester
								Charlotte Lyons		
		Florence Gertrude Page	Manchester...	18	w	Hosiery..	Henniker	William H. Page ...	1	
								Jennie E. Grimmelle		
Oct. 19	Chester ...	Roy Webster Purinton..	Chester	29	w	Motorman	Exeter	Clarence E. Purinton...	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester
								Alice M. Webster		
		Etta Frances Lewis	"	21	w	....	Providence, R. I	William H. Lewis	1	
								Annie McDermot		
Nov. 26	Bristol, Conn . ..	John David Fiske	" . ..	42	w	Black-smith..	Chester	Freeman Fiske	2	George E. Tyler, Clergyman. Bristol, Conn
								Emily J. Gerrish ..		
		Martha Lagen Norton...	Bristol, Conn.	40	w	Nurse ...	Bristol, Conn	James A. Norton	1	
								Martha J. Taylor		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester for the Year Ending December 31, 1914.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Year.	Month.	Day.	Place of Birth.	Sex	Color.	Single, etc.,	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 20	Chester	Harold Irving Healey	..	1	27	Chester	m	w	s	....	Everett F. Healey	Florence A Holland
Feb. 6	"	Paul H. Beckford	8	3	21	Melrose, Mass.	m	w	s	....	George A. Beckford	Bertha L. Hemenway
9	"	Mary Jane Wilcomb	76	9	25	Chester	f	w	w	Housewife	Hills Stevens	Roxana Marden
23	"	George O. Devino	41	7	12	Burlington, Vt.	m	w	m	Carpenter	Oliver Devine	Orpha M. Bickford
Mar. 9	"	Catharine D. West	82	4	10	Chester	f	w	m	Housewife	Samuel Kendall	Keziah Cutter
April 10	"	George A. Dolber	50	11	21	"	m	w	m	Hotel keeper	George W. Dolber	Elizabeth Emerson
18	"	Charles Boynton Parker	..	3	18	"	m	w	s	....	John M. Parker	Adelaide C. Underhill
May 30	"	Sarah Antoinette Gordon	68	8	19	Warren, Me.	f	w	m	Housewife	William O. Mathews	Mary G. Hemingway
June 29	"	Ellen L. Guild	72	1	8	Wrentham, Mass	f	w	w	"	Nathaniel W. Pond	Lucy A. Boyden
July 26	"	William Henry Thayer	64	10	22	Cambridge, Vt.	m	w	m	Retired	William E. Thayer	Mary I. Brewster
Aug. 31	"	Sadie E. Leighton	..	2	22	Chester	f	w	s	....	Arthur E. Leighton	Sarah E. Edwards
Sept. 3	"	Lydia M. S. Wells	87	5	6	"	f	w	w	Housewife	Abraham Sargent	Sally Underhill
16	"	Sarah A. Chatfield	80	3	25	Hemingford, P.Q.	f	w	w	"	Samuel Starks	Ostana Hayford
21	"	—— Draper	..	..	..	Chester	m	w	s	....	George H. Draper	Margaret Wood
24	"	—— Draper	..	..	..	"	m	w	s	....	George H. Draper	Margaret Wood
Nov. 8	"	Clara B. Learnard	97	4	26	"	f	w	w	"	Walter Morse	Edna Davis
25	"	Charlotte Elizabeth Carr	49	3	6	Boston, Mass.	f	w	m	"	James Andrews	Martha Hawley
Dec. 11	"	Elizabath Rand	90	8	27	Rowley, Mass.	f	w	w	"	Walter R. Tenney	Myrtle P. DeLeskey
16	"	Helen M. Tenney	..	..	3	Chester	f	w	s	....	—— Piper	....
Aug. 3	"	Cynthia J. Brown	75	3	19	....	f	w	w	"	....	....

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Town Clerk.*